

County of Los Angeles FIRE DEPARTMENT



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EARTHQUAKE SAFETY TIPS

Los Angeles County Fire Department is working to make sure that when the next "BIG ONE" hits, you and your family remember the following safety tips:

❖ DUCK, COVER AND HOLD!

No matter where you are, take **COVER** under a sturdy desk, table or other furniture. Avoid danger spots near windows, hanging objects, mirrors or tall furniture. **HOLD** on to that furniture and be prepared to move with it. Conduct earthquake drills every six months with your family.

❖ KEEP YOUR HALLWAY CLEAR

It is one of the safest places to be during an earthquake.

❖ LEARN HOW TO SHUT OFF UTILITIES

Locate and learn how to shut off valves for water, gas and electricity.

❖ PREPARE TO BE SELF SUFFICIENT FOR AN EXTENDED TIME

It is very likely that in a major disaster, emergency personnel will be inundated. This means emergency aid may not be available to you for at least 72 hours or longer. Keep a supply of extra water, food, medications, and clothing on hand.

❖ KEEP AN EARTHQUAKE SAFETY KIT ON HAND

Put together a earthquake supply kit with essentials like blankets, first aid kit, fire extinguisher, extra cash and change, portable radio and other supplies for cooking, sanitation and comfort.

For a full list of supplies and other safety tips, contact the Public Affairs Section of the Los Angeles County Fire Department at (323) 881-2411

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POWER OUTAGE SAFETY

Do

During

- Stay calm
- Use flashlights or light sticks for lighting
- Turn off all appliances
- Turn off all but one light switch
- Monitor radio for information
- Check on those with medical needs
- Drive carefully: traffic signals may be out
- Know how to operate your garage door without power

After

- Conserve energy
- Reset all electrical equipment safely
- Continue to drive safely: power may be out in other areas

Do not

- Do not call 911 due to power outage
- Do not use candles for lighting
- Do not use oven for heating
- Do not use barbecue indoors for heating
- Do not use barbecue indoors for cooking
- Do not use propane indoors

Our Vision The Los Angeles County Fire Department will be an exemplary organization acclaimed for our national reputation, our regional strength, and our hometown attentiveness as we provide fire protection and life safety services.

Core Values

INTEGRITY ♦ TEAMWORK ♦ CARING ♦ COURAGE ♦ COMMITMENT ♦ COMMUNITY

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